

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 through 41 are pending in this application. Claim 41 is new. Claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 12, 14 and 28 have been amended to conform to the Office Action. Claims 11, 18 – 21, and 34 – 36 are withdrawn without prejudice.

The Office Action asserts that an election of a single species is required, as defined by species 1 of Figs. 1 through 4; species 2 of Fig. 5; species 3 of Fig. 6, species 4 of Fig. 7, or species 5 of Figs. 8 and 9, under PCT Rule 13.1. The Office Action asserts species 1 corresponds to claims 2, 11, 12, 16, 17, and 28 – 33; species 2 corresponds to claims 2, 7, 12, 14 – 17, and 28 – 33; species 3 corresponds to claims 7, 18, and 34; species 4 corresponds to claims 2, 11, 12, 16, 17, 19, 28 – 33, and 35; and species 5 corresponds to claims 7, 20, 21, 35, and 36. Claims 3 – 6, 8 – 10, 13, 22 – 27, and 37 – 40 are deemed generic.

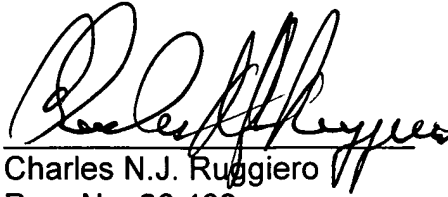
The Office Action asserts that claim 1 does not appear to be generic and does not appear to be directed toward any of the particular embodiments, in light of the limitation “an ordnance transfer assembly moveable along substantially the length of the arm.” The Office Action further asserts that it should be noted that “ordnance transfer assembly” is unclear among each of the embodiments, as it is not clear what this assembly comprises with respect to the entire extendible arm assembly. Claim 1 is amended for clarification. Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 is now generic.

In addition, the Office Action does not find independent claim 28 generic. Hence, Applicant hereby amends claim 28 to be generic in view of the Office Action.

Applicants elect to prosecute species 2 that correspond to claims 2, 7, 12, 14 – 17, and 28 – 33 without prejudice.

Consideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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